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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
AKITOSHI KIKUCHI) : Examiner: Renata D. McCloud
Application No.: 09/988,439) : Group Art Unit: 2837
Filed: November 20, 2001) :
For: STEPPING MOTOR)
CONTROLLING APPARATUS :
AND METHOD, AND IMAGE)
READING APPARATUS AND :
METHOD) February 7, 2005

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

AMENDMENT AND PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 6, 2004, please reconsider the allowability of the claims for the reasons set forth herein.

Applicant petitions to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated October 6, 2004 to February 7, 2005. A check in the amount of \$120 for payment of the extension fee is enclosed. Please charge any additional fee required for the extension, and credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account 06-1205.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first-class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on February 7, 2005 (Date of Deposit)

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February 7, 2005

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